

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Marcel Gavriliu et al.                      Art Unit: 2615  
Serial No. : 09/681,728                                      Examiner: Suhan Ni  
Filed : May 29, 2001  
Title : RESONANT FREQUENCY ADJUSTMENT USING TUNABLE DAMPING  
              RODS

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Notice of Allowance Date: December 20, 2006

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed December 20, 2006, enclosed are a completed issue fee transmittal form PTOL-85b and transmittal of 2 sheets of formal drawings.

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

It is agreed that the limitations recited in the examiner's Reasons for Allowance are not taught or suggested by the art of record, and that the allowed independent claim 7 is distinguished from the cited prior art for at least the reasons stated in the Reasons for Allowance. Applicant does not concede that the stated reasons are the only grounds for patentability of the allowed claims, that the limitations excluded from the Reasons for Allowance are taught or suggested by the art of record, or that all of the limitations are necessary for

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patentability of the allowed claims or other claims directed to the disclosed subject matter. For example, other claims including different limitations are patentable over the cited prior art.

Please apply the required fees in the amount of \$1,000 to our Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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